



# The Shaftesbury Park News



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## A Message from Mrs Richards

It has been an extremely short half-term. Our Year 6s have now completed the KS2 SATs ( national tests in Reading, Spelling Punctuation and Grammar, Writing and Mathematics ). Preparations for these tests have been thorough and many children said they enjoyed them. Overall they have worked extremely hard which should result in the vast majority of our children making at least good progress. Results of all these tests will be in the end of year reports. I'm sure our Year 6s are now looking forward to the many exciting activities planned for their last eight weeks as pupils at Shaftesbury Park Primary School.

Although it has been a short term it has certainly hasn't been short of action. Yesterday the dolphins class were inspired by the contemporary dance production they saw at Sadler's Wells Theatre ; the children in the Early Years enjoyed watching and learning about animals during their trip to the zoo at Battersea Park; we have had sporting success in cricket and football and benefitted culturally and linguistically from exchange trips with our two 'link' schools L'école du Parc and L'école du Battersea.

Next term there will be even more activities to inspire all the children and to celebrate their hard work in all areas.

## Parents' News

Thank you very much to those who returned the slips to school or let their child's class teacher know that they were interested in helping out at the school. We are still very keen to hear from more parents/carers interested in supporting our school in a range of activities, whether it be speaking to our KS2 children as part of our 'raising aspirations' programme (or putting us in touch with someone who could do so), volunteering to support the school, or even letting us know about a particular skills or knowledge we could draw upon! We would love to create a strong and vibrant 'Friends of Shaftesbury Park' association, but of course, this will rely on a group of committed parents who are willing to get things going and keep up the momentum! Please email Miss Hancock

([deputy@shaftesburypark.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@shaftesburypark.wandsworth.sch.uk)) if you are interested or to talk more about it.

**Important date for next half term : Saturday 28th June—summer fete at the school - 11am — 2.30pm**

## Sports News

We have had a fantastic start to the Summer Term in terms of sport. Not only has the Shaftesbury Park cricket team won two of their first three games in the nine week league but we have also been involved in a basketball tournament, in which we are currently in first and second place. The basketball teams will play in the final next half-term and we look forward to letting you know how we get on. We are immensely proud of Gilbert, Haytham, Kheireddine and Joao who have all been selected for a trial for the borough team and we are excited about the future of our football team, with grassroots training oversubscribed and due to start next term.

## Attendance and Punctuality for Summer 1

All of these children have won their bronze star. Silver star winners have an asterisk next to their name.

<u>Zebbras</u>	<u>Tigers</u>	<u>Leopards</u>	<u>Badgers</u>	<u>Hedgehogs</u>	<u>Owls</u>	<u>Parrots</u>	<u>Sharks</u>	<u>Turtles</u>	<u>Dolphins</u>
Meriem	Kysen	Jaliyah*	Jahaani	Liam	Iqlas	Tyrell	Ayman*	Tarun	Renata*
Shreeya		Sebastien	Charlie	Monae*	Aiya		Jakub*	Alex	Dominique*
Mariam		Elodie	Ashleigh		Samuel		Renee		
Kian		Niyah	Hayze		Luxshmi				
Levi		Xinyi	Daniel		Lea				
Haruki *		Arthika*	Anish		Malachi				
		Paige	Kayda						
		Samuel							
		Malia							
		Javen							

**Well done to Zebras, Owls and Dolphins for the best attendance and punctuality this week!**

## Tigers, Zebras and Leopards



We have packed so much in to our half term. We have been learning all about the farm and how to care for animals. We started our topic with a 'Big Breakfast' using all the products that we get from the farm. Thank you for all your contributions! Our stomachs were full and we had a great time eating together. We have been practising using our money with our farm shops. We have learnt all about comparing measures, investigating items that are heavy and light, capacity, big and little. Reception know how to record calculations with number sentences and learning number bonds. Our garden is starting to look amazing as we have been growing plants from seeds. We know all about how to care for plants to enable them to grow. Come and see which vegetables are growing. How tall will our sunflowers grow this year? Reception have been working hard learning routines in their dance sessions with Pippa this term. We celebrated the end of our topic with an amazing trip to Battersea Zoo. We were so proud of the children for their wonderful behaviour. Thank you so much for your support helping us take the children to the zoo. We will need your help next term for our walk back to the Battersea Park for our sports day! Please watch the dates for your diary, as we will be celebrating your child's achievements throughout the term.

## Dolphins



What an intense term it has been! The SATs are finally over! A big thank you to all the year 6 parents who made a special effort to get their children into school for 8am to attend the breakfast club. The children all worked hard during SATs week and are now looking forward to the joys of the last half term: year 6 disco; end-of-year 6 trip (TBA); awards evening; sports day; the French trip; and of course the Leavers' Assembly. **What we will be doing next term:** Year 6 will be preparing for their final goodbye next term. We are looking forward to working on our farewell production which will be performed to parents and children at the end of the term. **Reminders from Mr Claxton:** PE will be on Monday and Thursday. We will be practicing our athletics skills. Each Thursday we will be going to Battersea Park (weather dependent).

## Badgers



Well done Badgers for another successful term in Year 1! We started Summer Term with our very first school trip to central London to visit Pollock's Toy Museum. This was the Entry Point to our IPC topic "The Magic Toymaker". We had a fantastic time exploring the toys from the past, followed by a lovely picnic in the sunshine by the London Eye. In Literacy we greatly enjoyed reading the rhyming story of "This is the Bear" by Sarah Hayes and had fun learning it off by heart for our Sharing Assembly! In Numeracy we became measuring experts as well as learning more about 2-digit numbers. Have a restful break and I look forward to seeing you after half term. **Reminders for next term:** Swimming will continue on Wednesday afternoons.

## Owls



I am pleased to say that we have all had a really good term in Owls class. We have been learning about Jamaica. The children have enjoyed exploring the islands, culture, food and animals. The children have all written explanations to explain how bananas grow and the journey they take from the Caribbean to the UK. We have been bond busters in maths, where the children showed how well they know their bonds to 20+. In Science we have explored the meaning of variation and have explored the different varieties in animals and have explored the differences and similarities in humans. We have also been very busy revising for and have begun our National Curriculum tests, all of which have begun well. **Things to remember for next term:** Dance on Tuesday mornings and outdoor PE on Wednesday. Please make sure your child has the appropriate PE kit (A white t-shirt and blue shorts. Appropriate footwear (trainers/plimsolls) will also be needed for health and safety reasons.) **Have a simply wonderful half term break!**

## Hedgehogs



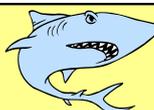
Well! Summer 1 has flown by so quickly and Hedgehogs have continued to make great progress with their learning throughout all areas of the curriculum. We have visited the Pollock's Toy Museum and had a fantastic time. The children have learnt about toys from the past and compared them to toys we enjoy now. In Numeracy we have been learning about length, height and weight and exploring all the vocabulary related to these. **Things to remember for next term:** P.E will still be taking place on Wednesday afternoons and will be mainly outdoors, weather permitting. Please ensure your child brings to school the correct P.E uniform. (A white t-shirt and blue shorts. Appropriate footwear will also be needed for health and safety reasons.) Hedgehogs will continue swimming sessions on Friday afternoons beginning 6th June. Please continue to help your child to practise getting ready for swimming and getting dressed again. Have a safe and wonderful half term break!

## Parrots



This term has been extremely busy and exciting for Parrots class. At the start of term we all became Premier League Reading Stars; taking part in the project has allowed us to think about our reading habits, access a range of texts and take part on online challenges offered to us by some top players in the Premiership. We have completed our class challenge, taking part in many more reading challenges than we had as a target. Well done, Parrots! In topic, we have been learning about chocolate and enjoyed setting up our own taste testing lab. We have been continuing to work on our times table and number bonds in numeracy, as well as understanding the importance of making sensible estimations of length. In PSHCE, we have been thinking about relationships and made a poster about who we have a special relationship with and why. We have been looking at what helps plants grow well in science and have been learning to create mosaic patterns in dance. We have also created some fantastic Aztec art work! Well done!

## Sharks



We have had a jam packed half term in Sharks class. We have been learning all about India and the children all researched and wrote a fantastic paragraph which we made into a book. We made samosas which were very tasty and created our own rangoli patterns from poly-board prints. In dance we learnt some Indian dance moves. In Science we have enjoyed creating our own circuits and investigating which materials are conductors and insulators. As part of our work on relationships in PSCHCE we thought about what qualities a friend should have and created a great class poster. In numeracy we have been busy learning our nine times tables and answering different types of word problems. Great work Sharks! **Things to remember for next term:** Trip to Chestnut Grove 3.30-5.30 on Thursday 5th June for the art exhibition

## Turtles



It has been an extremely active half term in Turtles and we have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Fit for Life' topic. The children have experienced the dreaded 'Beep Test', improved their football skills with Andy from the Chelsea Football Foundation programme and been put through their paces in weekly fitness sessions with Mr Patterson! They have produced incredible information leaflets and touching thank you letters which were a pleasure to read and really showed the progress they have made with their writing. In numeracy the children have learnt how to reflect, rotate and translate shapes and even created an exercise routine with these transformations in. It was great fun working with flip cameras and laptops to film and edit a persuasive advert encouraging people to be fit and healthy. Last week we took part in Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution Day by making Rainbow Salad Wraps using lots of fresh ingredients. Well done Turtles—I hope you are as proud of all your achievements as I am. Have a very well deserved rest. **Don't forget our assembly - 5th June!**